

CIRCULARS SENT TO HIGH SCHOOL

URGING THEM TO SELECT THEIR SPEAKERS AT ONCE.

Paducah Local Contest Will Be Held Probably February 12.

BASKETBALL GAME ON TONIGHT

All of the High schools in the Western Kentucky Oratorical league have been sent circular letters, asking the students to select their representative for the contest, which will be held in Paducah February 25.

The primary contest for the High school is unsettled yet, but it is probable that it will be held February 12. At present the candidates are busy arranging their orations.

Tonight two exhibition games will be played between the four High school basketball teams. The two girls teams will compete.

The girls will line up: First team—Mary Jones, center; Martha Cope and Kathleen Garrow, forwards; Ruth McChesney and Grace Stewart, guards.

The boys will line up: First team—King, center; Browning and Oglivie forwards; Sills and Endress, guards.

Will Senator Linn Explain? "I shall also favor extending the provisions of the county unit bill to each county in the state alike without exception."

That is what Conn Linn said in his letter to Dr. Adams, when he was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for senator in 1907, and that is what he told the people of his district, when he was seeking their support.

News of Theatres

AT THE KENTUCKY. Thursday—"The Girl Question." Friday—Pictures and new musical act.

THREE TWINS.

Ned Moreland, in love with Isabel. Hugh Fay Gen. Stanhope, a martyr to dyspepsia. Edward Wade Tom Stanhope, his father's son. Thomas Whiffen Jack Darling, the Third Twin. Thomas Whiffen Kate Armitage, Tom's sweetheart. Evelyn Dunmore Isabel Howard, the general's ward. Elsie Mynne Mrs. Dick Winters, a cheerful weeper. Helen DuBofs Molly Summers, always happy. Florine Sweatman Dick Winters, somewhat nervous. Russel Lennon Harry Winters, Molly's expected bridegroom. Nell Kelly Matthew, an attendant. John P. Abbot Dr. Siegfried Hartman, B. U. G. N. U. T. Henry Schuman-Heink Dick's Children. Bessie Logan Richard Winters. Hazel Ellsworth

"Three Twins" delighted an immense audience at the Kentucky theater last night; but we would advise the management to tuck Tom Whiffen in bed every night with a hot water bottle. We hate to think what would happen to that show if Mr. Whiffen should take the grip. No doubt many of the spectators came away believing they had been laughing at "Three Twins" but they were laughing at Tom Whiffen. He is the alpha and the omega, the sine qua non, the whole works—ah! Now we have it—he is the second hand; without him the minutes drag during the performance.

Back of him he has one of the biggest, best looking, best singing, best dancing choruses that has visited Paducah this season, and when the stage director has the bunch on the stage, he knows how to handle an ensemble scene with rare effect.

"The Newweds and Their Baby," the big music show that comes to the Kentucky on Monday evening, January 31, carry their special train of three coaches. A heavy advance sale indicates a most successful engagement.

John W. Vogel's big city minstrels boasts of a silver cornet band of 21 pieces, under the direction of Jos. L. Finning and a double symphony orchestra of 15, and the Louisiana Glee club supply the vocal numbers. John W. Vogel's big city minstrels will appear at the Kentucky on an early date and should be witnessed by a crowded house.

"Graustark," the play that attracted so much attention last season in New York and Chicago, will be one of the early offerings at the Kentucky February 2.

"The Girl Question" begins its engagement for one night at the Kentucky January 27. There are thirty chorus girls in this production, the majority of whom make a complete change of costumes four times in each scene. There is no doubt that this engagement will prove as popular as the one played here last season, when unquestionably the show made a decided hit leaving a trail of remembrance behind it, not only in this city, but in all other cities between New York and San Francisco.

WHEN DINNER COMES

One Ought to Have a Good Appetite.

A good appetite is the best sauce. It goes a long way toward helping in the digestive process, and that is absolutely essential to health and strength.

Many persons have found that Grape-Nuts food is not only nourishing but is a great appetizer. Even children like the taste of it and grow strong and rosy from its use.

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"My little 13-months-old grandson had been very sick with stomach trouble during the past summer, and finally we put him on Grape-Nuts. Now he is growing plump and well. When asked if he wants his nurse or Grape-Nuts, he brightens up and points to the cupboard. He was no trouble to wean at all—thanks to Grape-Nuts." Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

The show this season, in every particular, is infinitely better than last, being better staged and the chorus prettier and more finished, the specialties and singing go with that dash and vim that always finds a ready reception and response on the part of the audience.

"Cab 23," the "tabloid" comedy which is to be presented at the Kentucky Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday matinee, is not a literary effort, but is, as its advertising announces, "a vehicle built for laughing purposes only," and it is full of scenes and situations that are sidesplitting. Those who wish to enjoy an hour's real hearty enjoyment at a bargain price should not fail to witness this attraction. Two performances are given each evening beside the Saturday matinee, all at ten cents admission price.

WASHINGTON NEWS

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Henry M Hoyt, and the proceedings against the Wilson claimants are still pending. Glavis claimed that Ballinger's participation amounted to a conspiracy in a fraudulent claim against the government.

Glavis next turned to the Alaska coal fields and described in detail the location and extent of the Cunningham claims.

President Ballinger was not present when the hearing began.

After Glavis had proceeded for half an hour or more, going into the details of the Cunningham claims, Representative Denby, of Michigan, interrupted him.

Attorney Speaks for Glavis. Representative James, of Kentucky, said he thought the witness should be allowed to proceed in his own way.

Representative Graham, of Illinois, (Democrat) suggested that Glavis' counsel should make the statement. This course was finally decided upon and Attorney Brandeis arose to address the committee.

Mr. Brandeis said that Glavis' attention was first called to the fraudulent coal land claims when Glavis was in Seattle as chief of field division in 1907. Ballinger at that time was commissioner of the land office. Glavis heard that a number of prominent people in Seattle were interested in the fraudulent claims in Alaska. Glavis met Special Agent Jones, of the land office, who was on his way to Alaska to investigate the Alaska claims.

When Jones after a preliminary investigation, returned to Seattle in August, 1907, he was directed to report at once to Commissioner Ballinger, who was in Seattle at the time.

"We claim," said Mr. Brandeis, "that Commissioner Ballinger thereupon modified the orders which had been given to Jones by Assistant Commissioner Dennett to make a full and thorough investigation, making one or two affidavits in each group, instead of fully covering the matter. Mr. Ballinger also stated that if patents could not be granted on the lands as matters stood, relief would be required of congress.

Jones had been sent to Alaska because Special Agent Love, of the department, who had jurisdiction, lived in Alaska, and was more or less closely identified with the claimants. Love, however, aided Jones in the Alaska claims.

Ballinger Ignored Requests. "There were repeated conferences in Seattle between Jones and Ballinger, and various directions were given by Ballinger, both to Jones and to Love. There was a full discussion as to the rights, legality and fraud of the Alaska claims."

Mr. Brandeis then went more briefly into the Glavis charges against Secretary Ballinger as presented to President Taft, and acted upon by the president. The speaker said that recommendations by Glavis and Jones in the Alaska case were not acted upon by Commissioner Ballinger.

Glavis sought an affidavit from a man named Davis. The latter said that he had talked the matter over with Ballinger and had been told not to make any statement; to wait until charges had been filed by the government. After this, Glavis came to Washington and argued with the land office as to the danger of a scandal in the Alaska cases. He was then directed to proceed with a full investigation. Soon after he left Washington, however, ex-Gov. Miles C. Moore came here to consult Mr. Ballinger, to see whether the claims could not be hurried to patent.

Senator Nelson charged the attorney with withholding the fact that Moore was referred to the assistant secretary of the interior, as Ballinger had had nothing to do with the claims.

"This having been the case, when he ceased to be commissioner he took the position as counsel for some of these claimants."

Senator Sutherland, of Utah, interrupted: "You don't claim that Ballinger acted corruptly as commissioner, but that he made improper use of the information which he had obtained?"

"That is not all," replied the attorney. "The fact that he acted at all with reference to the continuance of the contest was not consistent with the highest conduct as an officer of the government." "Then you claim he acted corruptly, or improperly?" asked Senator Sutherland. "Yes—improperly; that he acted without due regard to the interest of the government while commissioner. Also that he acted improperly afterward in taking employment from the

claimants who had been before him as commissioner.

"We claim that Ballinger's action as commissioner was improper in his failure to thoroughly investigate the Alaska claims."

"That he acted improperly in ordering these claims to patent, and we charge that they were on the road to patent with undue haste, when Glavis intervened and saved them."

Journal Evidenced Fraud.

"I am stating what is distinctly a fact, and about which there can be no question," said Mr. Brandeis. "In January, 1908, Glavis heard that Ballinger had ordered the Cunningham claims to 'clear listing' for patent. He at once telegraphed, asking that this action be suspended, and came to Washington. He said he had just secured possession of the Cunningham journal, which bore conclusive evidence of fraud. He met ex-Governor Moore and Clarence Cunningham here and was told by Moore that but for Glavis' action the land would have gone to patent. Glavis also discovered that contrary to all practice, Cunningham and other claimants had received information as to what the field agents of the department were doing. Cunningham said he had copies of all the papers on file and there was nothing in them to prevent the lands going to patent."

Mr. Brandeis claimed that when Glavis finally was directed to make a full and thorough examination, he was given only two months and said it would be impossible to have prepared the government's case against the claimants in that time.

The attorney again was interrupted and asked to outline the specific charges against Secretary Ballinger.

"It appears, first," said Mr. Brandeis, "that Mr. Ballinger, while commissioner of the land office, took an active part in the controversy and investigation which arose as to the validity of the Alaska coal lands, and by ordering some of the claims to patent, acquired knowledge of importance. That he acted improperly in allowing the Alaska claimants to see all the papers on file in the department. Cunningham said, in a letter, on file at Juneau, that Commissioner Ballinger gave him the papers."

Ballinger Denies Charges. "You are aware," interrupted Representative Olmstead, "that Secretary Ballinger specifically denies all this?" "Yes," replied Mr. Brandeis, "and we will ask you to consider all our

statements in connection with this denial."

"Then," interrupted Mr. Madison, "you do claim Mr. Ballinger acted corruptly?"

Mr. Brandeis launched into a reply with some show of feeling. "I have not used the word 'corruptly,'" he exclaimed in a high pitched voice; "I have desired to bring the facts before the committee. I deem it a matter of great solemnity and that no charge of corruption should be made. It is a matter for the committee to determine whether the great trust of holding this land for the benefit of the people and for future generations is in safe hands. We make no charge except the charge of facts. It is for you gentlemen to determine what the safety and the honor of the country demands."

In connection with the Wilson Coal company case, Mr. Brandeis charged that Ballinger acted as counsel—though his name did not appear in a case which involved perjury on the part of the claimants and a fraud upon the land laws.

Mr. Brandeis promised that the investigation now on would bring out more than was contained in the charges filed by Mr. Glavis with the president; that there are facts, statements and documents not then in his possession.

This ended the attorney's statement, and he resumed the examination of the witness.

Glavis Again on Stand.

Glavis proceeded to tell of his conversation with young Charles Davis, of Seattle, when Davis said he would not make an affidavit as he had been advised against it by Judge Ballinger.

"Do you know any reason why Davis should not come here and testify first hand?" asked a member of the committee.

"No, sir," replied Glavis, "except that he is one of the claimants."

This called out a laugh.

Glavis said that Davis made this statement to him the first time that he met him.

During the discussion of the testimony of young Davis an interesting and perhaps significant colloquy occurred between Senator Nelson and Representative Graham, one of the Democratic members. Senator Nelson sought to draw from the witness and his counsel the fact that they had no knowledge that Mr. Ballinger personally received some letters addressed to the commissioner of the land office

and that this mail may have gone to other persons.

Representative Graham interrupted with the remark that he thought the burden of proof would be upon Mr. Ballinger in this connection. He thought that in an important matter like this the commissioner of the land office ought to know all that was going on, or to issue orders that he should know what was going on.

"The burden is on him," concluded

Representative Graham, "to show that he did not know what was in these letters."

Senator Nelson in announcing an adjournment at 5:05 p. m., endeavored to get permission to resume the sitting today, but several members of the committee said that they had other duties, and the resumption of the inquiry was set for 10 a. m. Friday, when Glavis will continue his testimony.

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